

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 26, 2004 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claim, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action indicates that claims 11-20, 22-32, 34-41, 43-48, 50, 51, 53, 54 and 56 are pending in the application, however the Office Action failed to note that claims 42, 55 and 57 are also pending. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement that all of claims 11-20, 22-32, 34-48, 50, 51, and 53-57 are currently pending in the application.

Claim 50 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 11-20, 22-32, 34-48, 50, 51, and 53-57 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Claims 11-20, 22-32, 34-41, 43-48, 50, 51, 53, 54 and 56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The rejection states that the limitation of a "round robin pointer having a temporal rotation period," as recited in claims 11, 27 and 43, is not described in the specification. The rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons which follow.

As discussed in the telephone interview with Examiner Jones during the week of July 19, Applicants submit that page 83, lines 3-9 of the specification provides clear support for a "round robin pointer having a temporal rotation period," as recited in the claims. Specifically, the specification states that "if there are 10 elastic time slots, the

pointer 1210 may be configured to rotate at a period of 1 second. This means there are available delays of 0.0, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8 and 0.9 seconds at a given time. If the pointer is configured to rotate at period of 2 seconds, the available delays are 0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8 at a given time. The number of elastic time slots locations 1204a-1204x may also be configured to provide more or less resolution of available delays for a particular pointer rotation period.” Applicants respectfully assert that this disclosure would be understood by a person of skill in the art to clearly describe and support a “round robin pointer having a temporal rotation period.” Therefore, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 11-20, 22-32, 34-41, 43-48, 50, 51, 53, 54 and 56 are fully enabled by the disclosure of the specification, as required by U.S. patent practice. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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